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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 4, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 16 -
Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 6 -
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
K. Shirakura - Georgian College

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk,T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

There was no update provided concerning the Committee Budget.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. He advised that he has been provided with the contact information for the new representative in Murayama, Japan in which he will forward to the Committee's representatives of the Youth Ambassador Subcommittee.

Dave Morrison, Chair explained that he does not anticipate any adult or youth exchanges with Murayama, Japan until 2023.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Shannon Scully-Pratt provided an update concerning the creation of bookmarks depicting images of the City's twinning and partnerships and similar templates of the flag banners.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee budget #1026 660200 not to exceed $750.00 for costs associated with purchasing bookmarks depicting images of the City's international partners.

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School. He advised that the deadline for student applications for the 2022/2023 Global Perspectives program has now closed.

Mr. Morrison acknowledged Jeff Toole and Jamie Babcock for coordinating the Global Perspectives Program at the Innisdale Secondary School.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Jean Maurice Pigeon provided an update concerning German Twinning. He advised that a delegation from the City of Barrie will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany during May, 2022 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two municipalities.

Mr. Pigeon advised that preparations are taking place for the City of Barrie to host a delegation from Zweibrücken, Germany during September, 2022 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship.

The Committee approved the expenditures of funds from the International Relations Committee budget #1026 660200 in an amount not to exceed $9000.00 for costs associated with airfare for a delegation of six to travel to Zweibrücken, Germany during May, 2022 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two municipalities.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

There was nothing new to report concerning Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

There was nothing new to report concerning Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project. He advised that the Committee is coordinating the framing flag that flew on the HMCS Barrie Ship that has been donated to the City of Barrie.

PLANNING FOR LAUNCH OF BARRIE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the launch of the Barrie International Partners Website. Mr. Morrison advised that Ciaran Byles-Ho and himself will be making a presentation at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 7, 2022 concerning the launch of the website.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Dave Morrison discussed his concept for an International Partners Community Connection. He suggested the idea of creating a location in the community to showcase and display the historical background of the City's International partners, youth ambassadors program and the connection with Base Borden to be enjoyed by the community.

Mr. Morrison explained that he is currently working on putting together a written proposal and that a further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

CHAIRMAN